

II. Remarks:

Applicant thanks Examiner for the thorough review of the case as exhibited by the Office Action, and respectfully submits the following in response thereto:

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 12, and 17-30 have been canceled in this Amendment, leaving allowed claims 6-11, and 13-16 currently pending and being prosecuted on the merits.

In the Office Action, claims 6-11, and 13-16 were deemed allowable as previously presented.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims currently pending in the application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance for the currently pending claims. In the event of any questions, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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